Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

**Whereas**, sixty years ago on September 14, 1947, Russell Raymond Bate took the hand of his beautiful bride, Peggy Mae McNally, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Chillicothe, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Russell and Peggy Bate have had the pleasure of raising three children, Beverly Herring, Ray Bate, and Cindy Peterie, and the privilege of spoiling eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Russell Bate is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful forty-four-year endeavor as a self-employed contractor/homebuilder; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Peggy Bate further distinguished herself by serving as a bookkeeper for her husband's business and by owning and operating Peg's Diner; and

Whereas, Russell and Peggy Bate have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Bate, residents of Chillicothe, will commemorate the glorious occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on September 15, 2007, at the Grand River Inn:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Russell and Peggy Bate for their tremendous success in achieving sixty years of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Russell Raymond Bate, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by
Representative John Quinn
District No. 7
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4750, adopted September 17, 2007.